

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 12, 18 and 29 have been amended. Claims 35-38 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1-34 are pending.

Claims 1-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. This rejection is moot since the term "non-generic" has been removed from the claims.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 9-13, 15, 18-19, 22, 26-29, 31 and 34-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Albal et al. The claims have been amended to define the invention more clearly and thus, obviate the rejection. In particular, the independent claims as amended recite that the personalized voice message contains a greeting specifically for the matched calling party. There is no teaching in Albal that the voice message contains a greeting specifically for the match calling party. Albal merely states that information that can be stored in an address book. An address book is not a voice message containing a greeting.

In addition, claim 1 as amended recites that if there is no match between the received calling party number information and the stored calling party number information, a generic voice message, different from the personalized voice message, is retrieved as playback as the messaging prompt to the calling party. The other independent claims have been amended in a similar manner. Support for this amendment is found at the first full paragraph of page 11 of the specification.

There is no teaching or suggestion in Albal of providing a personalized voice message containing a greeting specifically for the matched calling party when there is a match and a generic voice message, different from the personalized message, when no

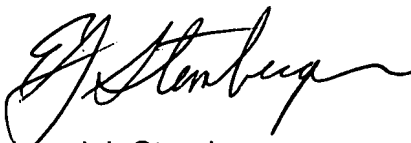
mach is found. Albal teaches that a pre-recorded message is played, there is no selecting between a personalized and generic voice message to be played as a prompt in Albal.

For these reasons, the rejection of claims 1, 12, 18 and 29, and the claims that depend there-from should be withdrawn.

Claims 4, 14, 20 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Albal et al. in view of Ng. Claims 3, 6-8, 16, 17, 21, 23-25, 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Albal et al. in view of Ng and further in view of Bobo, II. These claims depend from independent claims and are considered to be allowable for the reasons advanced above and, for the additional reason that the added subject matter thereof is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

All rejections having been address, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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